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For: SECURITY REVERSIBLE KEY
AND LOCKING SYSTEM

NOTIFICATION

OF

DEFECTIVE REPLY

This Notification is in response to applicants' "Petition and Statement Under 37 CFR §1.47," filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 02 July 2002.

Applicants indicate Roman Mathuiet is on an around the world trip. Applicant's attention is directed to MPEP §409.03(d) stating "The fact that a nonsigning inventor is on vacation or out of town and is therefore temporarily unavailable to sign the declaration is not an acceptable reason for filing under 37 CFR 1.47."

Applicants are required to submit an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) within a time limit of **ONE (1) MONTH** from the mail date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on 26 February 2002, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a), but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended up to a maximum of five months. **FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.** Any request for reconsideration of this decision should include a cover letter entitled "Response to Notification of Defective Response."

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, with the contents of this letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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